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1. The recent case of Gen. Frederick E. MORGAN, head of UNRRA in Germany, who was fired because of his statements regarding the exodus of Jews from Poland, may be related to the anti-British policy pursued by the Russians in Poland.

2. The organized exodus of the Jews from Poland is a fact established by all foreign observers in Poland and Central Europe, and the opinion of General MORGAN has been confirmed, among others, by the U.S. Labor Party Delegate, Charles ZIMMERMAN, who is in Warsaw at present.

3. Expatriated Polish Jews have gone particularly to Berlin and to Vienna. In the case of Berlin and the Reich, such immigration was liable to public denunciation, since it did not escape detection by the British and Americans, as we can see in MORGAN's declarations. But British and American authorities in Austria had already pointed out that great masses of Polish Jews, coming to Vienna under the direction of a secret organization and passing on toward Palestine, constituted a serious problem. (The protest made by Mr. EASTMAN, Delegate of the Jewish World Congress, at the Nuremberg trial must be thought of as a mere polemical expedient, with its origin in emotional distraction.)

4. Neutral observers make these interpretations of the facts:

- a) A complete accord between the USSR and the Jewish Agency of Palestine may have been made to the end of giving the Jews, who are trying to enter Palestine secretly, the support of Russia. Such an agreement would coincide with the anti-British policy now in effect.
- b) The Jews who are fleeing from Poland are assisted either by Jewish organizations or by Russian authorities. This explains the fact that impressed General MORGAN and the British and Americans in Germany and Austria, that these refugees were well equipped and had plenty of money. Moreover, these Polish Jews all go with one accord to the British and American authorities to ask for permission to leave for Palestine.
- c) As a matter of fact, even if anti-Semitism is spreading in Poland, nevertheless "pogroms" provoked by the Poles and followed by massacres of Jews occurred only as a result of false and

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provocative information spread by the Russians, with the triple aim of

- 1) Discrediting the Polish people abroad;
 - 2) Bringing the Jewish and Palestinian question to a head, thus creating difficulties for Great Britain and forcing its hand in favor of a Zionist solution of the problem; and
 - 3) creating internal difficulties in Poland which would justify even greater military oppression.
- d) The only case worthy of note is the fictitious "pogrom" held recently at Cracow, incited by Russian agents provocateurs, which permitted Russian propaganda to furnish the foreign press in Warsaw with "precious" information, which no one used; the intention of the Russians being too obvious and the facts too untenable.
- e) Russian attempts to foment anti-Semitism in Poland have another internal political aim - namely, to blame the Polish Jews for all the present difficulties, and also to turn Polish public opinion against Great Britain, which may be considered indirectly responsible because she is loth to turn Palestine over to the Jews - thus diverting and attenuating Polish feeling against the Russians. The same policy is being followed by the Soviets in the provinces of East Germany added to Poland, where the Russians accuse the Poles of administrative disorders, looting and of massacres, in order to foment German hatred against the Poles and justify the Russian intention of absorbing all the Polish coastal waters, as stated recently by the Swiss newspaper, "L'ESPRESSO".

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